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SUBJECT: RENUNCIATION OF TERRITORIES MEMBERSHIP IN
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1. AFTER REVIEWING THE RESPONSES FROM THE CAPITALS OF
UPU MEMBERS ALSO HOLDING TERRITORIAL MEMBERSHIP, WE
HAVE OBTAINED WORKING LEVEL AGREEMENT TO RENOUNCE THE
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SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE WHOLE OF THE TERRITORIES OF

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCLUDING THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. BEFORE SEEKING
APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECISION BY NOTIFICATION TO
THE SWISS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (WITH NOTICE OF
RENUNCIATION EFFECTIVE ON 1 JANUARY 1977), WE WISH NOW
TO INFORM THE OTHER CAPITALS INVOLVED OF OUR PRELIMINARY
DECISION. WHILE WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY ADVERSE REACTIONS,
WE INTEND TO WITHHOLD ACTION ON A FINAL DECISION UNTIL
DECEMBER 15 OR UNTIL WE HAVE RESPONSES FROM ALL CONCERNED-
WHICHEVER TIME COMES SOONER.

2. WE INTEND TO NOTIFY THE SWISS GOVERNMENT THAT, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 23 OF THE UPU CONSTITUTION, U.S.
ADHERENCE TO THE UPU WILL INCLUDE IN THE FUTURE THOSE

AREAS FOR WHICH THE U.S. PREVIOUSLY HAD SEPARATE MEMBER-
SHIP AND FOR WHICH IT HAS INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.
TERMINATION OF THAT SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP WOULD BECOME
EFFECTIVE UNDER ARTICLE 12 ON JANUARY 1, 1978. AT THE
SAME TIME WE ALSO INTEND TO INFORM THE UPU DIRECTOR
GENERAL SEPARATELY AND DIRECTLY OF OUR INTENTIONS, AND
IN ADDITION, THAT WE HAVE FOUND IT INAPPROPRIATE TO PASS
ON TO THE VARIOUS TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS A UPU QUESTION-
NAIRE DATED SEPTEMBER 7 REGARDING MEMBERSHIP FOR NON-SELF-
GOVERNING TERRITORIES.

3. DURING THE UPU CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL FOR POSTAL
STUDIES (CCPS) MEETING IN BERN IN NOVEMBER FOR POSTAL SERVICE
(USPS) REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN
REGIONAL GROUP (CEPT). AT THIS MEETING HE WAS INFORMED
OF THE FOLLOWING:

--A. FRANCE STILL INTENDS TO RENOUNCE ITS SEPARATE
MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THE 1979 RIO PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE
AND MAY ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION AT NEXT MAY'S EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL MEETING. FRANCE DOES NOT INTEND TO RESPOND TO
THE QUESTIONNAIRE (WHICH HAD A NOVEMBER 30 DEADLINE).

-- B. THE SPANISH DELEGATE THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT
RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE.
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-- C. THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT HIS GOVERN-
MENT WAS CONSULTING WITH ITS OVERSEAS TERRITORIES AS
TO THE QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP BUT WOULD PROBABLY NOT
RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

-- D. THE NETHERLANDS CONSIDERS THE SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP
AS BELONGING TO THE ANTILLES AND WOULD LEAVE THE QUESTION

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OF RENUNCIATION TO THE ANTILLES GOVERNMENT. THE DUTCH WOULD NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

-- E. PORTUGAL DID NOT ATTEND.

4. THE USPS REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED THE ATTENDING CEPT MEMBERS (INCLUDING THE CEPT COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE DUAL UPU MEMBERSHIP) THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING RENOUNCING OUR SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE TERRITORIES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 AND THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE. THERE WAS NO ADVERSE REACTION. DESPITE THIS MEETING OF POSTAL

REPRESENTATIVES AND OUR PREVIOUS CABLES, THE DEPARTMENT IS UNSURE, HOWEVER, THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRIES (AS OPPOSED TO THE NATIONAL POSTAL AUTHORITIES) ARE FULLY INFORMED AS TO OUR INTENTIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD DRAM ON CONTENTS OF THIS CABLE TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS IN BERN AND STATE THAT THE U.S. IS CONSIDERING RENUNCIATION OF SEPARATE TERRITORIAL MEMBERSHIP. NOTICE OF SUCH RENUNCIATION WOULD BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1977. REACTION SHOULD BE REPORTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT IN ANY CASE BEFORE DECEMBER 15. ROBINSON

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